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Flynn appointed to state affairs committee in Texas House

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— State Rep. Dan Flynn (R-Van) has been named to one of the Texas House's watchdog committees, while also nabbing a promotion on another panel.

Flynn, who represents Hunt, Rains and Van Zandt Counties under House District 2, received his marching orders from House Speaker Tom Craddick Friday, shortly after returning from patrolling the Texas/Mexico border as a member of the Texas National Guard.

With the naming of the various committees in the House of Representatives, the 80th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature can officially begin its work. The committees in the Texas Senate were appointed earlier this month.

"I am looking forward to getting started with the business of the people of the State of Texas," Flynn said. Craddick tapped Flynn for the vice chair's post on the Financial Institutions Committee. Flynn, in his third term in the House, has been a member of the committee since he first arrived in Austin, in part due to his lengthy career in the banking industry.

"I remain on the Sunset Advisory Committee and I was selected to be on the State Affairs Committee," Flynn said.

The committee has a wide range of jurisdiction over the implementation of policy; the administration of state government; the organization, powers, regulation, and management of state departments and agencies; the operation and regulation of public lands and state buildings and many more matters.

"It will deal with a lot of issues not only impacting our district, but all over Texas," Flynn said. "We'll also be handling any special issues the Speaker comes up with that he feels needs our input. I feel very, very honored to have been chosen."

Flynn was inducted into the State Guard last year and found himself being called up on a three-day active tour of duty last week.

"I spent two days in a helicopter flying up and down the Rio Grande River and the Texas border," Flynn said. His unit was assisting an assembly of local, state and national agencies patrolling the border which Flynn said were active in the apprehension of several individuals attempting to enter the United States illegally.

"Through this effort they have made incredible improvements," Flynn said. "I got to wear the uniform and it made me feel like a young man again."

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